

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject patent application are respectfully requested.

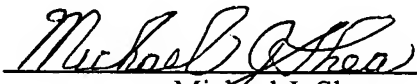
Claims 1 and 5 are amended to recite that data is reproduced using PSK (Phase Shift Keying) demodulation. By way of example and without limitation, this feature finds support in the subject patent application on page 7 lines 14-19 of the specification of the present application.

Claims 1-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Onoe et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,221,639). Applicants traverse this rejection inasmuch as the subject patent application and the Onoe et al. patent have the same inventive entity (i.e. "Atsushi Onoe" and "Yasuo Cho"). Consequently, the Onoe et al. patent does not constitute prior art under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e) because it is not a patent granted on an application for patent by another. For at least these reasons, the rejection of claims 1-11 based on Onoe et al. should be withdrawn.

The pending claims are believed to be allowable and favorable office action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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